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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 2492

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SUBJECT: MORE ON CHILE: MRS. ALLENDE TO VISIT FINLAND

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BEGIN SUMMARY. FINNISH CONCERN OVER CHILE CONTINUES AT FEVER PITCH AND WAS INTENSIFIED BY THIS MORNING'S PRESS HEADLINES THAT PRESIDENT ALLENDE'S WIDOW WILL ARRIVE HERE LATER THIS WEEK. MRS. ALLENDE WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORLD PEACE COUNCIL ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL CHILE SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30. CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN HELSINKI'S FINLANIDA HOUSE, SITE LAST JULY OF FIRST PHASE OF CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. FINLAND ALSO ANNOUNCED THIS WEEKEND THAT IT WILL ACT AS PROTECTING POWER FOR EAST GERMANY'S INTERESTS IN CHILE. END SUMMARY.

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1. HELSINKI PRESS ANNOUNCED TODAY (SEPTEMBER 24) THAT COMMUNIST-FRONT WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, WHICH HAS HEADQUARTERS IN FINLAND, IS ORGANIZING AN "INTERNATIONAL CHILE SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE" AT FINLANDIA HOUSE IN HELSINKI SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30. MRS. SALVADOR ALLENDE WILL HEAD THE CHILEAN DELEGATION ACCORDING TO THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES. SOMEWHAT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED FROM ABROAD AND THEY WILL BE MATCHED BY A CORRESPONDING NUMBER OF FINNS. THE "FINNISH SUPPORT COMMITTEE" MEMBERS INCLUDE A NUMBER OF FAMILIAR NAMES IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND COMMUNIST RANKS ASSOCIATED WITH VIET NAM PROTESTS. CENTER AND LIBERAL PARTY MEMBERS ARE ALSO ON THE LIST INCLUDING PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S SON MATTI KEKKONEN. ONLY MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT ON COMMITTEE IS YOUNG SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MINISTER OF EDUCATION ULF SUNDQVIST.

2. PRESS ATTENTION TO EVENTS IN CHILE CONTINUES UNABATED. MUCH WEEKEND REPORTING CONCENTRATED ON STORIES OF MISTREATMENT OF DETAINEES AT SANTIAGO STADIUM AND OTHER ALLEGATIONS OF EXCESSES AND BRUTALITY BY JUNTA. BREAKING OF RELATIONS BY SOVIET UNION, EAST GERMANY, AND OTHER COMMUNIST NATIONS ALSO GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE. FINNS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAVE AGREED TO EAST GERMAN REQUEST TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS IN CHILE. (FINLAND HAS RESIDENT CHARGE IN SANTIAGO WITH AMBASSADOR SIDE-ACCREDITED FROM BUENOS AIRES, WHO HAS BEEN PUBLICALLY INSTRUCTED BY FINNISH GOVERNMENT NOT TO VISIT CHILE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE).

3. FINNISH RADIO REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT CHILEAN CHARGE IN FINLAND, VICTOR RIOSECO, HAD DECLARED ALLEGIANCE TO MILITARY JUNTA AND WAS LIKELY TO REPLACE HIS BOSS. AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM LUIS ENRIQUE DELANO, WHO REPORTEDLY HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL NOT SERVE THE NEW GOVERNMENT. RIOSECO HAS BEEN ABSENT IN STOCKHOLM SINCE SEPTEMBER 18 AND EMBASSY STOCKHOLM MAY BE ABLE TO COMMENT FURTHER IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL C. KREHBIEL

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